HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 638

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Nancy Barker for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Nancy Barker, the Executive Director of the Rogersville/Hawkins Chamber of Commerce, who has been honored with a special award from the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barker received the Association's Robert M. Smith Outstanding Leadership Educator Award at its 2013 annual conference, a prestigious award which recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of leadership education for civic leaders in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for seventeen years, Nancy Barker served with acumen and alacrity the Chamber's director; in that role, she is responsible for the coordination of economic development, Leadership Hawkins, Keep Hawkins Clean, tourism, government relations, the Rogersville Main Street Program, and the Governor's Three Star initiative; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work within the Chamber, Mrs. Barker lends her talents to such notable causes as Rogersville Heritage Days, the Main Street Cruise-In on the Square, the Appalachian Quilt Trail, and Heritage on the Square. She was also instrumental in establishing the Heritage Lites, a youth service organization in the community; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Barker epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean and, for her hard work and unwavering commitment to the well-being of her community, it is most fitting that she be recognized; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barker is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Larry, and their children, Brooke and Dillon; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Nancy Barker for her dedication to her community and the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Nancy Barker for her meritorious service to Rogersville, Hawkins County, and the State of Tennessee. We extend our congratulations to her upon her receipt of the 2013 Robert M. Smith Outstanding Leadership Educator Award and give her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.